BORUTO
-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

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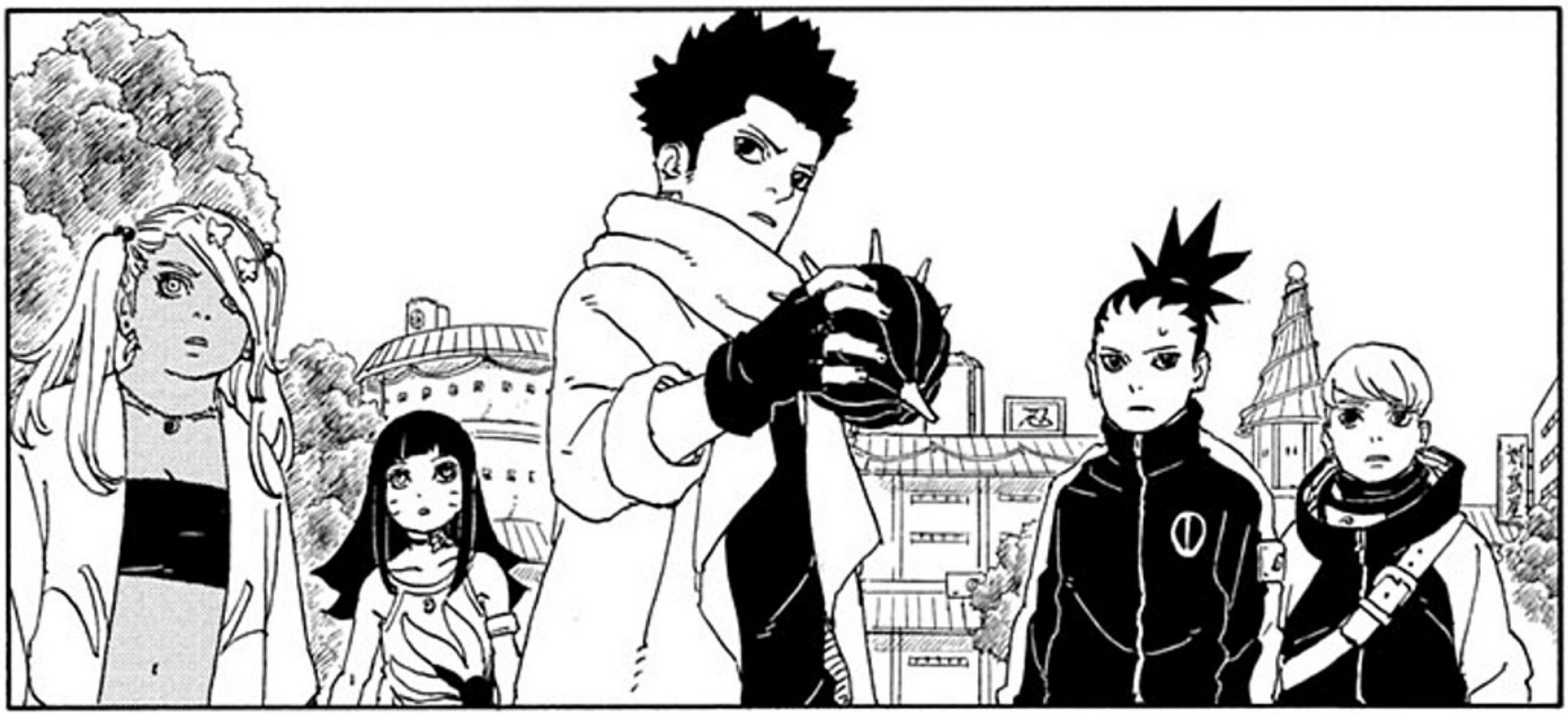

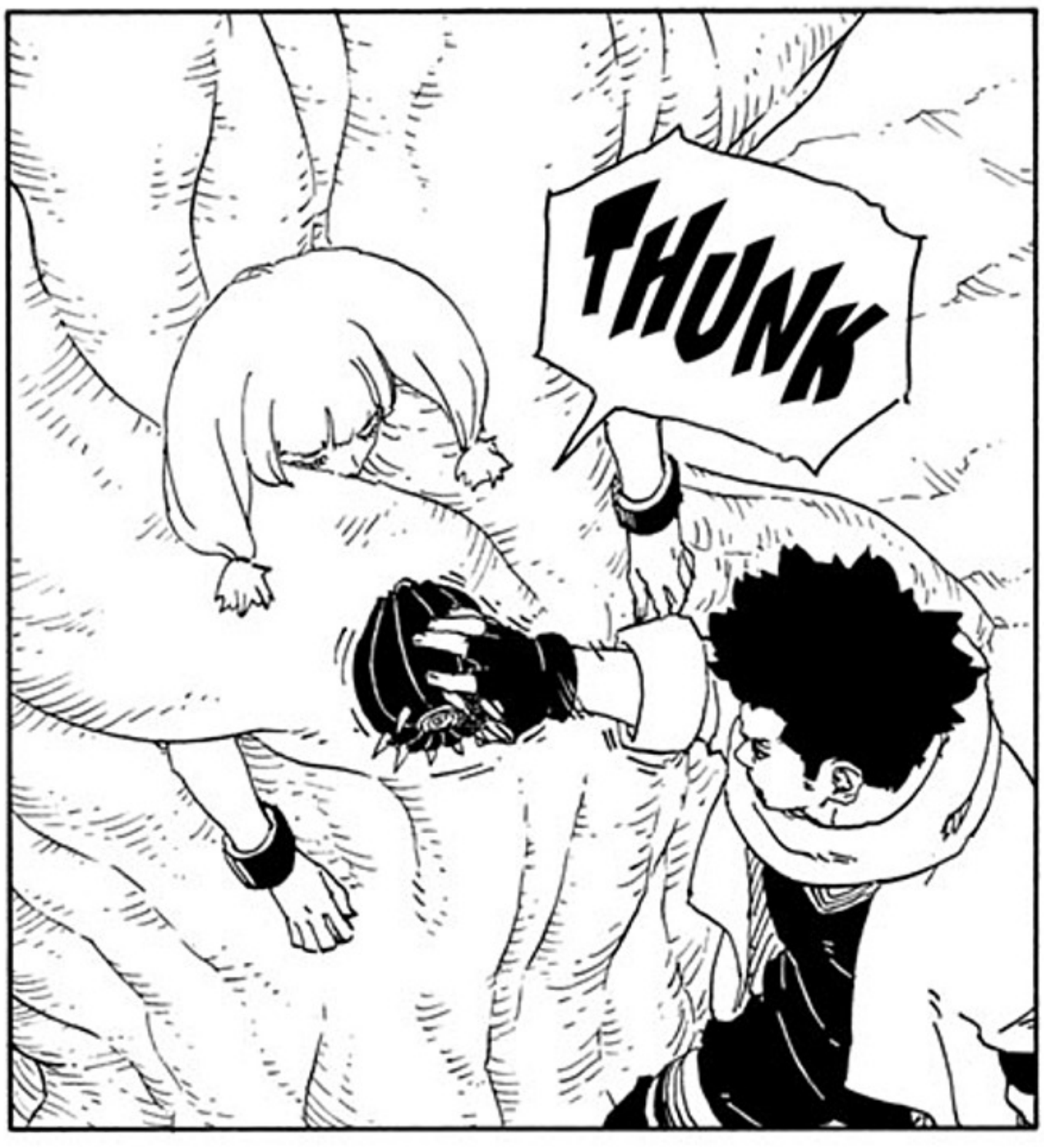
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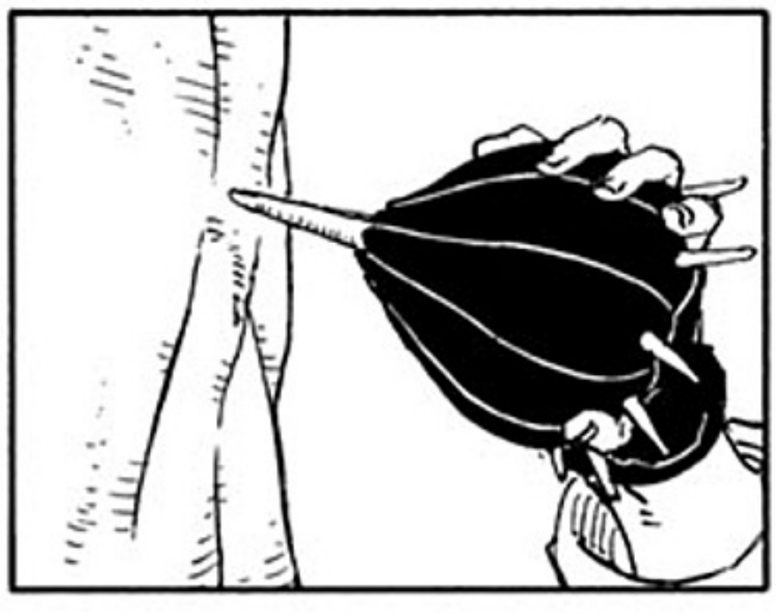

MOEGI!

HEY...

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

MASTER MOEGI!

KONOHA-
MARU-
CHAN...?

SQZ

!

HUH?

...

KONOHA-
MARU-
CHAN...

...

VWOOO

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HE'S INJURED, BUT NOT CRITICALLY.

AND GAARA'S ALIVE.

YEAH...

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HE HASN'T WOKEN UP YET DUE TO THE SEALING JUTSU, BUT...

...HE'S EXPECTED TO SOON.

SHINKI'S BEEN RESTORED BACK TO HIMSELF TOO.

...

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

SHIKA-MARU.

THE ELDERS ARE CALLING.

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.

NOK NOK

G-G-

GWP

FWOP

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FSHUU

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I DON'T SEE ANY BONE OR MUSCLE ATROPHY.

NO ORGAN ISSUES EITHER.

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...

KLATTER

LIKELY FROM THAT "TREE" HAVING FED OFF OF YOU.

THE ONLY THING IS THAT YOUR CHAKRA FLOW IS SLUGGISH.

YAY, MASTER!

OH, PHEW!

...CAN BE SUMMED UP AS MILD MALNU-TRITION.

SO YOUR OVERALL CONDI-TION...

...EVERY-ONE WORRY.

...TO MAKE...

SO SORRY...

JUST EAT LOTS AND GET PLENTY OF REST.

THANK YOU...

...KONOHA-MARU-CHAN...

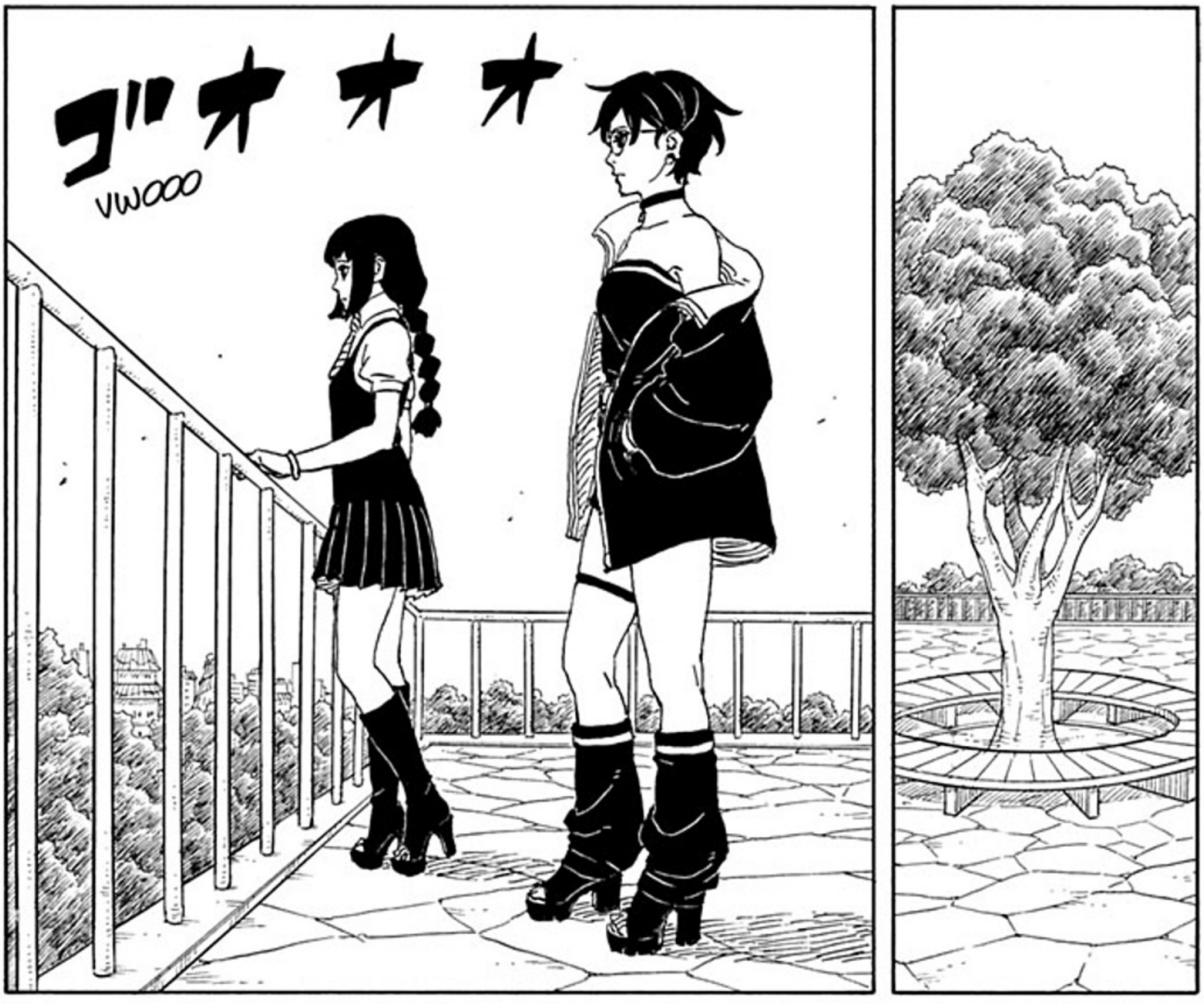
JUST GET WELL QUICKLY, EH?

NO PROBLEM.

HEY...

YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

YEAH.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GOOD JOB OUT THERE.

IT WAS ROUGH, WASN'T IT?

YOUR MISSION ...

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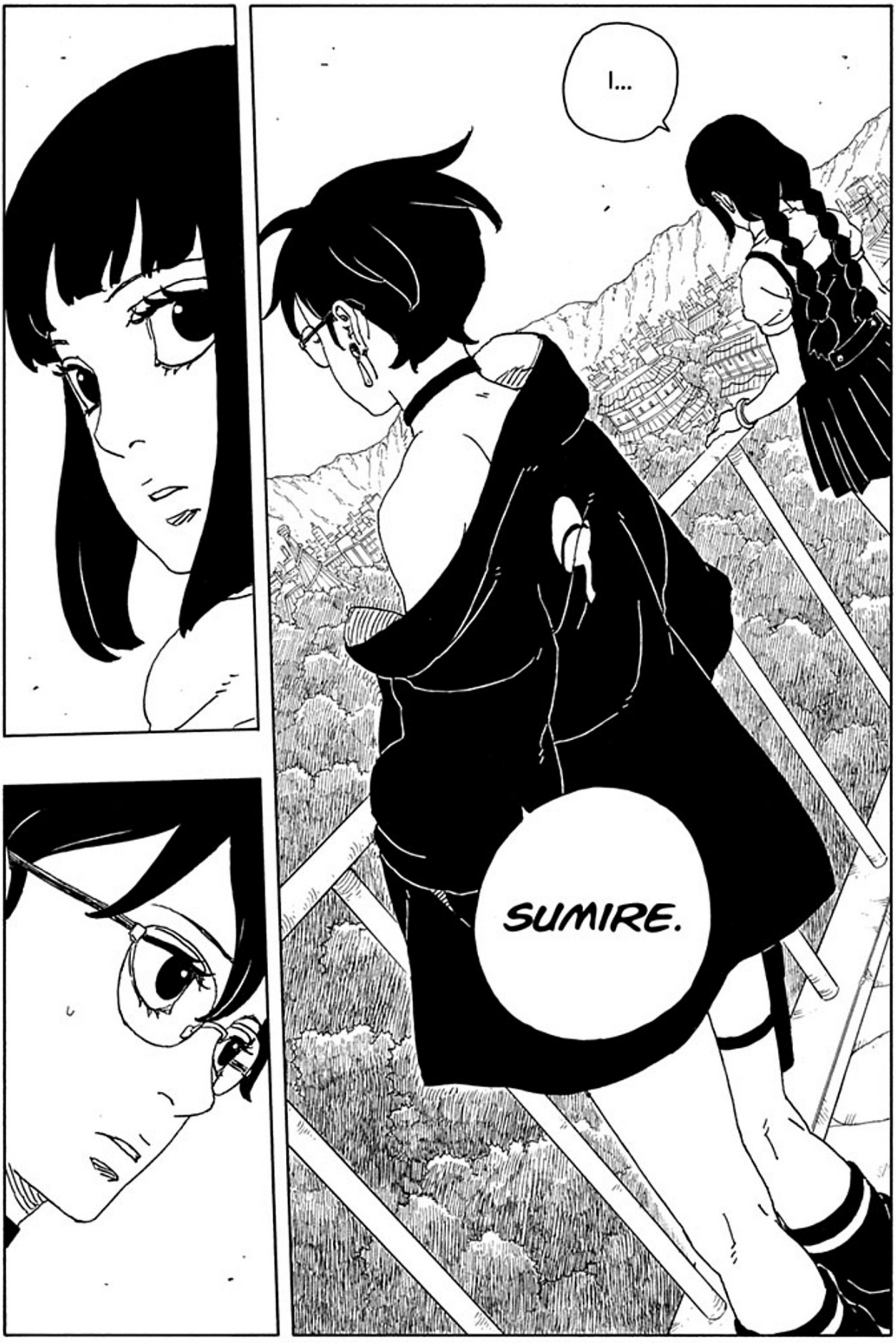
OH...

KINDA...

YEAH.


I...
SUMIRE.

...MAY I...

...CALL YOU THAT?

I MEAN ...

SURE...

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL I STILL JUST BE CLASS REP...

...TO YOU?

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NO, NO, I'M SORRY...

...FOR SUDDENLY...

...SAYING SUCH RUDE THINGS TO YOU.

I'VE BEEN INSENSITIVE...

I WANNA APOLOGIZE.

...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

AT THE TIME...

...I WAS SO SHOCKED...

...ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS...

...CUZ WHAT YOU SAID, EVERY SINGLE BIT OF IT...
...WAS ABSO-LUTELY TRUE.

I WAS AVOIDING FACING THE REALITY...
...THAT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.

I *WAS* A COWARD, HIDING FROM...
...MY OWN LACK OF POWER.
...YOUR FEELINGS, AND...

RE-MEMBER WHEN...
...YOU ASKED ME ONCE...

SERIOUSLY?
HUH?
OF COURSE NOT.

AND DOES THAT BOTHER YOU, SARADA?
THAT OTHER GIRLS MIGHT LIKE BORUTO?

I HAD UTTERLY NO INTEREST IN BORUTO AT THAT POINT.

HE DIDN'T TAKE UP ANY SPACE IN MY THOUGHTS.

NOT BACK THEN.

I WASN'T LYING.

BUT...

...

...I WAS SPENDING MORE AND MORE TIME...

...ONE DAY, I REALIZED...

...THINKING ABOUT HIM...

I CON-
STANTLY
WORRIED
ABOUT
HIM...

...AS ONE
OF HIS
TEAM-
MATES.

YOU
KNOW...

...TROUBLE
SEEMS TO
FOLLOW
HIM...

HE'S
ALWAYS IN
A BIND.

...BECAUSE
WE WERE
ON THE
SAME
TEAM...

...OR IF
IT WAS
SOMETHING
MORE...

BUT
BEFORE
LONG...

...I
STARTED...

...TO GET
CONFUSED
ABOUT
WHETHER MY
FEELINGS
ONLY
EXISTED...

...

...MADE ME A COMPLETE LOSER.

...OVER SUCH THINGS...

...SPENDING ENERGY OBSESSING...

BUT...

...I HAD ANY RIGHT...

...TO STILL TRY TO BECOME HOKAGE...

WHICH MADE ME WONDER WHETHER...

...

YOU'RE PROBABLY...

...SUBCON-SCIOUSLY...

...DELUDING YOURSELF...

YOU MISUNDER-STAND...

I ALSO LIKE BORUTO.

...

SARADA
...

BUT YOU SEE...

TO STOP RUNNING.

...I'VE DECIDED.

IT MAKES ME THINK...

...LIKE I CAN BECOME HOKAGE.

MY WANTING TO HELP HIM...

...WILL ONLY MAKE ME STRONGER.

THOSE ARE MY NEW FEELINGS.

...

IT WAS TOTALLY OBVIOUS.

...HOW YOU FELT, SARADA.

I ALREADY KNEW...

...LONG AGO...

BACK AT YA, SUMIRE.

...

BUT THANK YOU.

FOR TELLING ME DIRECTLY.

SO FROM THIS POINT ON...

...I'M NOT GONNA HOLD BACK ANYMORE.

RIGHT BACK AT YOU AGAIN.

NO WAY!

HOW DARE YOU HAVE SUCH A SUPER-INTENSE CONVO...

...WHEN I'M NOT PRESENT!

...

PLEASE CONNECT ME, STAT...

HEY, COME IN, SENSORY UNIT!

...WITH THOSE GIRLS.

NNH...

...

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SPLASH

TAK

TAK-TAK

THWAP

WHOOP

LASH

OWW
!!

THAT AIN'T THE WAY.

YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL.

バチカン
SPLAT

...

YOUR CHAKRA...

ACCOMPLISH IT ALL THROUGH CHAKRA CONTROL.

BETTER CONTROL THAN YOUR AVERAGE SHINOBI.

LISTEN... DON'T RELY ON ARM STRENGTH WHEN THROWING A PUNCH.

AND DON'T KICK USING YOUR LEG STRENGTH.

IN FACT, YOU'RE EVEN A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM JINCHURIKI...

...THOSE WHO HOST BIJU INSIDE OF THEM.

NOPE, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING.

FOR YOU ARE NO ORDINARY SHINOBI.

I *KNOW* THAT!

I *AM* A NINJA, YOU KNOW!

HUH?

...YOU'RE MORE SIMILAR TO ME AND JURA.

YOU ARE HUMAN, AND YET...

...IF ANY-THING...

LISTEN, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE OR AREN'T, HERE.

THE POINT IS SOLELY WHAT FIGHTING STYLE YOU SHOULD ADOPT.

THIS IS JUST A BASIC INTRO.

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE THAT...

...

THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.

FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSONIFICATION OF CHAKRA-- CHAKRA IN HUMAN FORM.

I'M TIRED.

WE'RE DONE FOR TODAY.

...

IT'LL ALL LEAD FROM THERE.

KURAMA, WAIT!!

OH!

HEY...

DAMMIT, KURAMA!

YEESH!

I WASN'T DONE TALKING TO YOU!!

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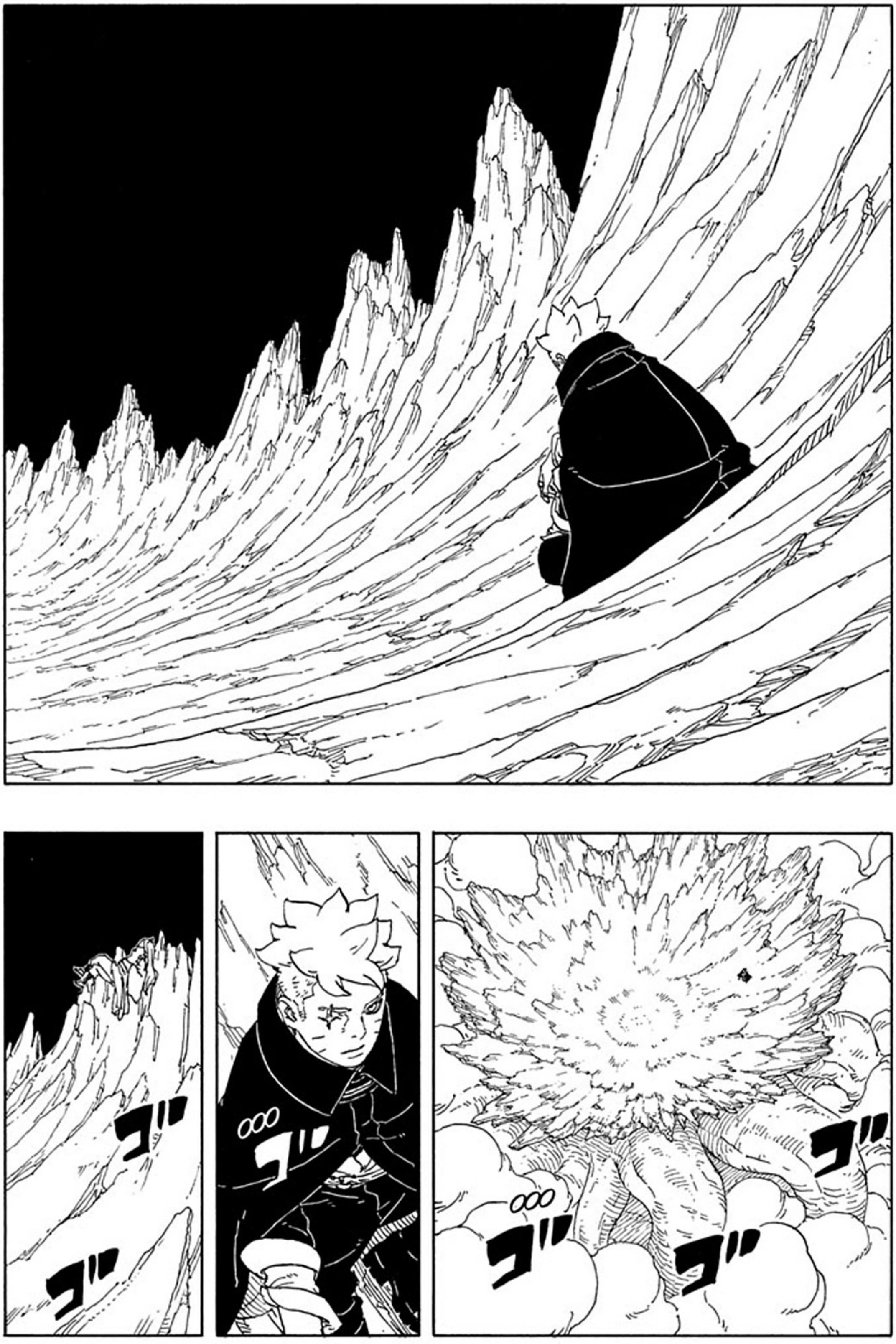
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...TO MAKE YOU COME SEEK *ME* OUT?

WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU...

...BECAUSE YOU HAVE FAILED TO DIE YET AGAIN...

...AND KEEP GOING ON LIVING.

I AM DEEPLY DESPAIRING...

YO, FREE-LOADER.

AS SULKY AS EVER, I SEE.

TO BE FREED OF THIS CURSE VIA YOUR DEATH...

...AND BECOME NOTHING.

WITH REINCAR-NATION NO LONGER POSSIBLE ...

...AND WITH ME UNABLE TO TAKE OVER YOUR MIND EITHER...

...THERE IS ONLY ONE THING MY POOR HOMELESS SOUL DESIRES NOW.

I SHOULD HAVE LEFT THINGS WELL ALONE...

...THAT DAY KAWAKI KILLED YOU.

...

...CONSIDER LENDING ME A HAND?

COULD YOU...

I'M HERE...

...TO ASK YOU SOME-THING.

BEGONE.

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

I DO PLAN TO COMPEN-SATE YOU.

JUST HEAR ME OUT.

IF WE'RE ABLE TO TAKE DOWN JURA...

...I'LL GIVE YOU MY BODY.

YOU CAN HAVE EVERYTHING YOU WANT.

THOUGH, HONESTLY, THAT'S...

LIKELY? OH, HE *DEFINITELY* HAS NO CLUE.

...WHAT'S ENDEARING ABOUT HIM.

BUT IT'S LIKELY BORUTO HIMSELF...

...HASN'T PICKED UP ON...

...HOW WE FEEL ABOUT HIM.

To be continued!